

City Workers

[Stress-related absence from work is at an all-time high.]

Regular beat down the outside lane,
Radio tuned to the local station,
A wake-up blast of vocals and horns,
City traffic jamming on cue in the rain,
Minds into neutral at the breaking of dawn,
Another working day for the rising nation.

*... prospects in the pipeline,
mustn't miss the deadline...
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Arriving at the office, ready for leaving,
Coffee-machine for instant relief,
Sugarloaf mountains of urgent reports,
Constant reminders of underachieving,
Numbers to crunch, obsession with noughts,
Walking the talk of corporate belief.

*... need the win mentality,
cashflow is reality...
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cashflow is reality...*

Lunchtime jostle a sandwich away,
Others pump iron for thirty non-stop,
Back to the bench to roll out the dollar,
Clock-watchers signal the end of the day,
Queuing again, hot under the collar,
Homeward to the thump of formula pop.

*... go down that extra mile,
it's service with a smile...
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it's service with a smile ...*